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The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW TW-B-204 Washington, DC 20554 Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

RE:

WC Docket No. 02-384: Application of Verizon for Authorization Under Section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-Region InterLATA Service in Washington, DC

## Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to express my support for Verizon Washington, DC Inc.'s application to offer long distance service in the District of Columbia.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia has found that Verizon DC meets the requirement for the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") approval and supports **Verizon** DC's application to offer long distance in the District of Columbia.

I encourage **the** FCC to endorse Verizon's application, thus allowing all consumers in the District of Columbia to benefit from increased choice and competition.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Charlene Drew Jarvis, Ph.D.

President

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